



Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes

Date: March 20, 2019

Time: 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Location: Jefferson Cutter House, 611 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA 02474

Present: Commissioners Christine Carney, Christopher Huvos, Kristen Bauer, Nick Minton, Sheri Baron, William Logan, Kristina Fontanez, and Co-Chairs Naomi Greenfield and David Swanson

Absent: Commissioners Gary Horowitz, Sharon Grossman, Betsy Carlton-Gysan

Guests: Laura Kiesel, Susan Mortimer, Lynette Martyn, Justin Mueller, Ramy Abdel-Azim, John Sanbonmatsu, Maddie Grover, Blaze Travis, Eric Pohl, Louise Popkin, Melanie Konstandakis, Steve Revilak

Co-Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

1. Check-in / Meeting Roles (8:00PM-8:05PM | 5mins.)

2. Minutes Approval (8:05PM-8:10PM | 5mins.)

- Co-Chair Swanson moved to table the February minutes for next month; Commissioner Carney seconded. All voted in favor.
- Commissioner Carney moved to accept the January minutes, with revisions; Commissioner Bauer seconded. All voted in favor, except Commissioner Logan abstained.

3. Commissioner Updates (8:10PM-8:20PM | 10mins.)

4. Citizens Open Forum (8:20PM-8:35PM | 15mins.)

- Melanie Konstandakis showed up to discuss the Commission potentially hosting an AHS intern. The Commission was interested. Commissioner Bauer agreed to follow-up with Melanie.
- Aside from Melanie, the remaining guests raised concerns regarding the Town's and APD's decision to pursue Restorative Justice in response to APD Lt. Pedrini's recent writings in a statewide police association newsletter.
- After much discussion, Commissioner Baron moved that the Commission limit its role in the Restorative Justice process to the collection of community impact statements; Commissioner Fontanez seconded. All voted in favor, except Commissioner Minton abstained.

Commissioner Carney made a motion to table all of the remaining items. Commissioner Minton seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Co-Chair Swanson adjourned the meeting at 10:14pm.

Respectfully submitted by Co-Chair Greenfield.